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UNCLAS SEPTEMBER 31.PASS TO VOA. LEADING, HIGH CIRCULATION

LA PRENSA GRAFICA TODAY EDITORIALIZED ON THE

PROBLEMS DIVIDING EL SALVADOR AND HONDURAS. THE DAILY SAID IT

WOULD BE "A TREMENDOUS MISTAKE TO ASSUME THAT THE SOLUTION OF

(THE PROBLEM) CONCERNS THE TWO NATIONS ALONE. AND IT WOULD BE

EVEN MORE SENSELESS TO BELIEVE THAT THE SOLUTION WOULD FAVOR

ONE NATION ALONE." THE PAPER ASSERTS THAT THIS IS NOT A MATTER

OF "EXCLUSIVE BILATERAL INTEREST" AND THAT, ON THE

CONTRARY, IT AFFECTS THE WHOLE CENTRAL AMERICAN AREA. IT CALLS

ON THE GOVERNMENTS OF HONDURAS AND EL SALVADOR "TO SPEED UP THE

NEGITIATIONS" BECAUSE THE DISPUTE IN INTERFERING WITH THE

"INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT" OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN NATIONS.

SAID LA PRENSA GRAFICA (SPANISH EXCERPTS):

"...SERIA UN MAYUSCULO ERROR SUPONER QUE LA SOLUCION DE LA
DIFERENCIA HONDRRENO-SALVADORENA SOLO INTERESA A LAS DOS NACIO-

NES. Y MUCHO MAS INSENSATO SERIA SIQUIERA SUPONER QUE LA SOLU-

CION DE ESA DIFEENCIA FAVORECERIA A UNA SOLA DE ELLAS. ESA

DIFEERENCIA VIENE INCIDIENDO NEGATIVAMENTE EN LAS CONDICIONES

DE VIDA DE 16 MILLONES DE CENTROAMERICANOS, SE HALLEN ESTOS EN

COSTA RICA, EN NICARAGUA, EN EL SALVADOR, EN HONDURAS ON EN

GUATEMALA. ESTA INCIDIENDO EN TODOS ELLOS, EN TODAS PARTES DE

CENTROAMERICA, PORQUE ESTA ESTORBANDO UN DESARROLLO INTEGRAL EN

PROVECHO DE TODOS.

"...SI EL RESTO DE CENTROAMERICA PUEDE VER CON LA SUFICIENTE

CLARIDAD QUE EL PROBLEMA NO ES UN ASUNTO DE EXCLUSIVO INTERES

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BILATERAL, ENTONCES TAL VEZ SE HALLARIAN LISTAS PARA LLEVAR

ADELANTE INMEDIATAMENTE PROYECTOS, PLANES O CONVENIOS DE AMBITO CENTROAMERICANO.

"CUALQUIERA QUE SEA LA ETAPA EN QUE TENGAN QUE ENTRAR LAS NEGOCIACIONES Y CUALQUIERA QUE SEA SU NIVEL, LO QUE CONVENDRIA SERIA QUE MOSTRASEN UN RITMO MAS ACELERADO, PARA BENEFICIO DE TODA CENTROAMERICA.."

IN SECOND LEAD EDITORIAL, LA PRENSA GRAFICA HAILED THE LATEST AGREEMENT TO USE THE SERVICES OF A MEDIATOR BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. ACCORDING TO THE DAILY, THE MEDIATION "COULD BE A VERY VALUABLE FACTOR FOR REACHING DEFINITIVE SETTLEMENT."

IN THIS RESPECT, SAID LA PRENSA GRAFICA (SPANISH EXCERPTS):

"...LA MEDIACION ES, SOBRE TODO, UN PROCEDIMIENTO DE NATURALEZA MORAL. PUEDE SER UN VALIOSISIMO FACTOR PARA ALCANZAR LA SOLUCION DEFINITIVA. Y SI BIEN EL MEDIADOR DESEMPEÑARA UNA DELICADISIMA FUNCION, EN DEFINITIVA SERAN LOS REPRESENTANTES DE AMBOS PAISES LOS QUE DIRAN LA ULTIMA PALABRA. OJALA QUE ESA ULTIMA PALABRA FUERA EL COMPROMISO DE LLEGAR CUANTO ANTES A LA FIRMA DEL TRATADO GENERAL DE PAZ HONDURENO-SALVADORENO QUE DEVUELVA A CENTROAMERICA, COMO REGION CIVILIZADA, LA NORMALIDAD DE LAS RELACIONES DE LOS CINCO PAISES QUE LA FORMAN."

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